the persons known or suspected to be indulging in crime against women; and setting up of a Women Police Mobile Team to attend to distress calls from women.

Staff crunch in Delhi Police

4233. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is feeling staff crunch to make foot patrols effective, as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the action plan to strengthen beat functioning in the capital; and

(c) whether vulnerable areas around the police stations in the capital have been identified to control incidents of crime at night; if so, the details of these sensitive areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The optimum utilization of the available manpower has enabled Delhi Police to maintain the efficacy of beat patrolling which in fact constitutes one of the major factors responsible for progressive decline in crime.

(c) The crime situation in different parts of the city is monitored and analyzed in order to identify areas where special measures to control crime are needed to be taken. This is a continuing process.

Security lapses in J & K

4234. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBRARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were security lapses which encouraged more extremist activities in operation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether army has been given more firepower in Jammu and Kashmir after incidents of 24th March, 2003;

(d) if so, whether any directive has been issued to security forces to take measures to check infiltration and deal firmly with extremists that are operating at present in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(e) if so, whether the Centre, State Government and Military have agreed to work jointly to fight terrorist activities in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The assumption that these were security lapses which led to encouragement to extremist activities is not based on facts.

As per facts available from the State Government, marginal decline in the overall terrorist incidents in the current year in comparison to corresponding period last year has been achieved as a result of coordinated operations by security forces, 370 terrorists have been killed in the State during the current year till April 23, which include 103 foreign mercenaries.

(c) to (e) In a high level meeting held on 31.03.2003, it has been decided to give the highest priority to control infiltration and to make all out efforts to bring down it. For this a multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment have been undertaken at and near the IB and LoC as well as along known infiltration routes.

In addition to diplomatic initiatives at various levels and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland, the Government conjointly with the State Government, has taken a series of steps to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI which includes strengthening of border management to check infiltration; proactive action against terrorists; gearing up intelligence machinery; protective measures for remote and scattered populations and minorities; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology; weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over-ground supports of the terrorists.

The strategies tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorist are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State and Central Government.

As a part of conjoint efforts to curb terrorism, commensurate with a multipronged strategy, the Government continues to provide all possible support to the State Government in terms of financial, security force manpower, technical and intelligence related assistance and both the Governments continue to function in complete harmony on all security related matters pertaining to J&K.